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To: Carol Ode

Subject: ACT 250

Carol,

Concerning your posting on FPF, unfortunately I will not be able to attend tonight. However I do have firsthand experience with ACT 250 and thought I should share my thoughts.

I own a condo over at Sugarbush, and in February 2014 one of the three buildings was completely destroyed by fire. In August 2014 the District Coordinator ruled that a new ACT 250 permit was required and we would not be grandfathered by our old permit.

In Sept / Oct 2014 an ANR/NRB hearing was held, and in December additional information was submitted per their request. Four (or five) months later our ACT 250 permit was denied, and it took an expensive and lengthy lawsuit by the association to finally get a permit to rebuild. The initial demands from the ANR/NRB were impossible to achieve given the footprint of the property, nor were they reasonable as Hurricane Irene had just gone through there and with minimal impact to the stream banking.

In dealing with the ANR and NRB I observed a complete lack of adult supervision, and conflicting messages from the different fiefdoms. Their requests were unreasonable, expensive, and petty. All we wanted to do was build the same building in approximately the same location.

You want to revise ACT 250? Have a go at it. What would be better for Vermont would be to revise how the ANR and NRB administer it.

Regards,

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